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## PRESS RELEASE

## MILPITAS PD TRAFFIC UNIT CONDUCTS PEDESTRIAN STING OPERATION

**DATE:** October 15, 2014

**LOCATIONS:** 100 Block of W. Calaveras Blvd at S. Abel St.

1300 Block of E. Calaveras Blvd at Carnegie Dr.

On October 15, 2014, Milpitas Police Traffic Officers conducted a pedestrian sting operation at two busy intersections in town. These intersections were selected due to the high volume of pedestrian and vehicular traffic at each intersection. Additionally, one intersection was the site of major injury accident involving a pedestrian last month. The officers watched the crosswalks and issue citations to drivers who did not yield to pedestrians crossing the intersection.

The Milpitas Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit issued thirty one citations for drivers not yielding to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, six citations for drivers not following a regulatory sign, and one cell phone violation. The unit also issued two citations to pedestrians jaywalking.

In the past two months, one pedestrian was critically injured and one bicyclist was killed in Milpitas. Both were struck by vehicles. In the past six months, ten pedestrians have been injured by errand drivers.

Pedestrian safety is a priority for Milpitas Police Department and we are committed to educating the driving public of their responsibility to stop for pedestrians when they are in a crosswalk, and enforcing the law where applicable. The Milpitas Police Department will be conducting more pedestrian enforcement operations in the future.



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